CHAPTER XIX MAN OVERBOARD,

It was the night before our arrival at Colombo. The weather had changed and was somewhat threatening. Dark clouds had begun to pile up from the southwest, and during the parly hours of the evening a smart shower of rain had fallen, but otherwise there was nothing alarming in the state of the weather. The ship began to lurch a bit, quickly feeling the movement of the sea. Many predicted a rough night, but we were all thoroughly at home by this time, and a probable tessing caused us no apprehension. Resides, we should be in Colombo on the following morning, and the thought of a run ashore entirely outbalanced the fear of an evil night.

The sea rose somewhat after dinner, though not to any great extent, but the night was intensely dark, and the murmured, and, though it was too dark Chosphorus glowed and sglimmered | for me to see her face, I thought that about us like white fire. The wake the light from the white, curling tips was a wide, blazing road of light and showed up with strange distinctness in the surrounding blackness. But there were ominous murmurings in the wind, and as the ship began to labor somewhat the people retired rather earlier than usual.

After seeing Miss Hurst below I had gone to the smoking room to have a pipe, but finding the atmosphere rather appressive, for in spite of the change it was still insufferably close below, I went out on the deck to ifinish my emoke. For a time I lounged against The rail a little forward of midships watching the bubbling phosphorus as It curled and twisted from our sides, thinking vaguely as one will under such conditions, when suddenly I was startled by a piercing shrick which came from away aft. I looked round, But along the dimly lighted decks there was not a soul to be seen. Rewildered, I stood for a moment half wandering if I had heard aright, when once more came the cry. This time there was no mistake, nor was I mistaken in the direction from which the sound came.

Hesitating no longer, I bounded away aft, oblivious of the fact that my footing was extremely unstable, and in my hurry I ran foul of one of the funnel stays, but picking myself up with alacrity, for the cries aft were now more urgent than ever, I dashed on.

Two figures were seen struggling vio-Jently against the auxiliary wheel aft, and presently the voice of Miss Hurst rang out clearly and distinctly, "Help! help!"

My heart almost stood still with horror. I felt as though the ship was sinking beneath me, but I cried aloud, what I don't know, and rushed toward her. It seemed to me that my feet dragged heavily, that the ship rolled still more furiously, for with a sudden lunge to port it hurled me into the lee scuppers. Half dazed, I rese to my does not help you you need not pay for knees and once more came that awful ery, "Help! help!" But it was muffled as with the terror of death. Scrambling to my feet, I distinctly saw the two figures struggling against the after rail, but before I could reach them one, the woman, was forced overboard and fell with a most awful cry into the sea.

My blood was frozen with horror. The cry of the woman I loved smote upon my heart and for the moment robbed me of energy; but the view of the man scudding across the deck woke me, and thinking bothing of him I sprang aft and peered into the burning wake.

It may have been only my fancy, but away astern in the broad shaft of bubbling light I thought I saw a dark object, and without a moment's hesitation I sprang upon the rail. Then turning my face forward, where I knew the officer would be on watch, I shouted with all my might: "Help! Man overboard!" and jumped into the sea.

I turned on my side and with a powerful overarm stroke-for I could swim fairly well in those days-tore down the white road of waters. Now, as I. contemplate it, it seems as though I willfully courted death, incumbered as

I was with clothes, but then I had no
thought save that of reaching the woman who had suddenly grown so dear | wildly, I fear, for the agony of the sit-

I swam on, never giving a thought to the ship or whether my cry had been heard, and presently I saw an object, a round, dark, ball-like thing, lancing on the waters before me. Red ubling my

Beware of Green Fruit.—Low in the heated term people should per attention to their diet, avoiding unity, fruit and stale vegetables which invariably bring the cramps, cholera morbue, or diarrhese. Children are particularly subject to com-

energies, I quickly reached it and the my inexpressible joy found that it was

Only a muffled greeting passed between us, for the beaten track of water was quickly giving way to the natural swell of the ocean. But I seized her by the arm as if to support her, when, to my surprise and delight, I found that she was treading water,

"You can swim?" I gasped. "Yes," she answered. "Good! Courage!"

I turned to look after the ship; but, save for its lights, it was invisible, and those I could only see as I rose on the crest of a wave, for, though viewed from the high decks of a hig liner, the sea that night was nothing terrifying, it was a dreadful chaos of waters when one was down in it.

The brave girl by my side never of the waves caught the glow of her eyes, and in them I seemed to see the agony she was suffering. Occasional-



The brave girl by my side never mur

ly I gasped a word of encouragement or asked a question, but the effort of replying was too great and much too dangerous, for every now and again a white monster reared and dashed over us, twisting us round like its own

The lights of the ship grew dimmer and dimmer, and I already began to fear that my cry for help had not been heard, when suddenly as we rose on the crest of a wave somewhat bigger than usual I saw a glare upon the wa-

A Convincing Answer.

store one evening," says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., "and he asked me to stores to health all the digestive organs. try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with which I had suffered for a \$1.00 a bottle. long time. I told him I had no faith in any medicine as they all failed. He head, and he it was who presently sang said: 'Wellif Chamberlain's Pain Balm out, "Ahoy, there!" it.' I took a bottle of it home and used it according to the directions and in one week I was cured, and have not since been troubled with rheumatism." Sold by Wight & Bro. and all medicine deal-

ter some distance to the right of us. For the moment I scarcely remembered that ships nowadays use buoys with a flare attached to them and that these things, thrown into the sea, burn brightly and act as a beacon to those in the water and to those on board. I felt overjoyed, for it proved that my ery had been heard and meant that if heavy sea. I still supported Miss we could only keep afloat we should

cand an excellent chance of salvation. She, too, had seen it, and instinctively we struck out in its direction. Occasionally as we rose on the crest of a wave I could see it burning brightly in spite of the water that dashed about it and all over it. But it was terrible and I felt neither the wind nor the izes the blood, expels all dispase Clearing the screw safely, I came up myself of everything but a pair of and, gazing with wondering eyes upon system in a healthy condition, preventmy ability.

feebly every stroke, and presently I was the first man to reach me as soon had to support her, or, rather, I lent as I touched the deck, came between her aid, for she still went through the me and the crowd of curious but genermechanical action of keeping herself ally admiring spectators, and together afloat. Feeling her grow heavier every we made our way below. Here I was minute, I redoubled my efforts, very subjected to a good rubbing, dosed nation was holding me with a grip of terror. Realizing the futility of such a waste of energy and quickly grasping the fact that my one policy was to remain afloat, I soon abandoned my ex-haustive efforts and, with a slower movement, struggled on, on. But the flare danced before me like a will-o'the-wisp, and ever as I thought I drew nearer the thing, curling on the crest of a wave, seemed to my eyes, half blinded as they were by the spray, as for off as ever.

I telt my strength going. My heart est ominously. I breathed with the troost difficulty. The girl, though I and not see, though I dared not look;

XX appeared to be unconscious. I felt one of her hands. It trailed in the water like a dead thing. How I fought, how 1 struggled to keep myself affoat! I seemed to hear my brain throb, throb. as throbs the propeller of a great steamship. My forehead was bursting with apprehension. I knew that I was surely sinking. The dead weight of the girl had completely paralyzed me on one side. I no longer kept the horizontal or semihorizontal position of the swimmer, but found my weary feet searching the perpendicular for support, the last extremity of the vanquished. Then in a sudden fit of fury I struck out fiercely once more, the last fearful effort of the drowning man, and presently my hand came in contact

with something hard. I drew back in terror, for even half conscious as I was I believed that I had struck some living thing, and the thought of a shark sent a thrill of horror through my enfeebled body. With eyes wildly staring I glared ahead, and as the flare still danced some distance off I felt that my suspicions were realtinted the object with its glow, and a sudden thrill of happiness put new life into my flaccid muscles. It was no shark, but the life buoy to which the flare was attached.

With a few strokes I had reached it, and though the sea tried to tear it from my grasp I clung with the energy of a drowning man, and, though not without some difficulty, I slipped it over the head of the unconscious girl and got her arms above it. Then I breathed a fervent "Thank God!"

me that struggle with the waves seemed, and still seems, like an eternity, but in reality it was a battle of minutes and not many of them, though I am inclined to maintain that under such conditions one would find still fewer more than enough. When I looked round again, I saw the steamer coming up behind me, and presently she lay to, a world of welcome light. I had no fear now, and my eyes stung with something more than sea water as I looked up at the great lights and willing hands which were coming to my rescue.

Miss Hurst during all this time remained unconscious, but I had no great he advised me to try Chamberlain's difficulty in keeping her head above Cough Remedy and offered to pay back should like to know. Now, dress your water, for with the new hope had come my money if I was not cured. My lungsa new strength, and I already looked and bronchial tubes were very sore at upon the whirling mass of dark sea this time but I was completely cured by receive compliments. I'm proud of around me as a monster who had been robbed of his prey. I knew she was not dead, and I wanted to know nothing more just then. If before she had seemed to me charming in every way, she now became the very breath of my existence, and in a mad way I felt glad that this thing had happened and that if I withdrew my supporting arm from her head the beautiful white face would slip through the buoy down, down into the black, bottomless depths of the ocean.

I watched it, a small, dark object, come dancing over the waves. A man knelt in the bows waving a lantern above his

"As if a brick were lying in my stomhis feeling after eating.

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"All right!" I shouted.

The next sound was the voice of the second mate in the stern as he shouted, "Easy all." It was close work, for it seemed to me that the boat came dangerously near striking us, but she was skillfully maneuvered, and after various futile efforts we were hauled safely aboard.

"A close thing," said the mate grimly as we turned our nose toward the

The men pulled in silence, the boat splashing and tossing ominously in the Hurst's head and perceived with joy the first sign of returning conscious-I bade her lie still, assuring her that all danger was over. She made no response, but I thought that her head nestled in closer against my breast, er." Then one of the lady passengers My companion swam on, but more led her away, and my Uncle Jim, who

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with brandy and put between the sheets, and here shortly after I was visited by the captain. But I had nothing to tell beyond the fact that I had heard screams, saw the struggle and jumped overboard. As for the man who had committed the outrage, I had no conception of what he might be like, but I suggested that Miss Hurst might be able to give some information on that head.

"Unfortunately she is in a state of coHapse," said the skipper, "and appears to know nothing beyond the fact that the man had a black face."

"Have you any blacks aboard?" "None. Can't make it out at all Fear her mind is a bit unhinged, and no wonder. Devilish plucky thing, though, Mr. Gray! I congratulate you. You are a lucky man."

I smiled to myself. Lucky! What irony! And yet it would appear so. If the officer on watch had not heard my cry and acted with the utmost promptitude, there would have been an end of me and my trouble. Once I might down to a little natural irritation. have cast a reflection on the wisdom of ized. But the light rising once more his promptitude, but latterly my life had been filled with thoughts other than those of self. I could imagine neither prince nor millionaire clinging to this world with a keener zest than that which now animated me.

CHAPTER XX.

A REVELATION.

Fortunately I suffered no ill effects from my immersion. When I awoke the next morning, the strange events of the previous night had left an im-It all takes some time to tell, and to proision on my mind only. Physically I seemed to have benefited in some extraoidinary fashion. My limbs were freer, my spirit keener. I felt that mind." something had happened which had iaid open new and happy vistas of the world, and I entered on the journey of know, I saw him with my own eyes." life with hone

The claim of other cough medicines to be as good as Chamberlain's is effec tually set at rest in the following testimonial of Mr. C. D. Glass, an employe of Bartlett & Dennis Co., Gardiner, Me. thought of the brave hearts and the He says: "I had kept adding to a cold and cough in the winter of 1897, trying every cough medicine I heard of without permanent help until one day I was in the drug store of Mr. Houlehan and this remedy and have since always turned to it when I had got a cold and soon found relief. I also recommend it to my friends and am glad to say it is the best of all cough medicines." For sale by Wight & Bro, and all medicine deal-

> The captain visited me early and after once more congratulating me suddenly grew serious.

"I want to ask a favor of you," he said. "We have many nervous people. on board, and the knowledge that this Presently a boat was lowered from was a case of attempted murder would the Qmeo, and with intense eagerness create the utmost consternation. You know what passengers are and to what extent they are likely to carry their fads. Let them once think that the decks are not safe or that they are liable to be murdered in their bunks and ach" is the description by a dyspeptic of I can foresee a voyage unpleasant beyond all record. So I would be much obliged if you would say nothing at all of Court, will issue to deed to R. B. Lutterloh, conveying the sty of N1/2 and N1/2 of Sty of Secof the attack and just let them think that Miss Hurst fell overboard. Fortunately it was a bad night, and, though they may wonder, they will not be altogether incredulous."

Of course I readily promised. There was nothing to be gained by inaugurating a reign of terror. From the captain's manner I was impressed with the belief that there would not be a repetition of the outrage on board the Omeo.

In reply to my inquiry if he had discovered any clew to the assailant he shook his head.

"No, and what makes the outlook so hopeless is Miss Hurst's insistence that her assailant was black. Now, I have made careful investigation, and I find there is no one on board answering in the least to her description. Indeed, the only person with us who is not white is a Chinaman who works in the galley."

"A Chinaman!" Jim and I uttered the exclamation as with one breath, and our eyes instanctively sought those of each other. But

To be Prepared

For war is the surest way for this nation to maintain peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It is equally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers ness, but when she attempted to move of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is sure to be loaded with impurities and to be weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalwork attempting to swim in such a sea, spray. But upon being raised to the germs, creates a good appetite, gives and, realizing this, I quickly divested deck of the Omeo she awoke again, strength and energy and puts the whole but a glance about to take my bearings come, I prepared for it to the best of she said simply, "Don't tell my motha weakened system.

neither spoke. After all the mere mention of the word "Chinaman" was enough to set is agog. In what way To Thomas Dow, F. M. could Miss Harst be affected by the

Society of the Midden Meaning? "Yes," continued the captain, "but he's as inoffensive as the rest of his race and would never dream of coming aft, much less of attacking a saloon passenger."

Inoffensive at the rest of his race! Dear, dear, it was an ironical world! "The firement" I suggested, for they

were the only men likely to come up from below with black faces. "From certain circumstances to which the engigeer bears unmistakable

witness it could not have been one of

"Then you are at fault somewhat?" He did not like this, for he answered rather sharply "I do not claim more than an ordinary share of intelligence. You are sure, course, that you saw the man run off

It was a question full of a particular and not pleasant meaning, but I put it

"As surely as a see you now." "Very strange," he muttered. "We must probe deeder into this mystery." When he was gone, Jim turned to me with an inquiring look.

"Of course, Davie, you retain a vivid impression of the event?"

"My dear Jim?" "Of course you do. I'm almost as big a fool as the rest of them. It was suggested last night that women have committed suicide before today."

"What a monstrous suggestion!" "So I said and stopped the tongues from wagging, but the affair is very mysterious, and the story of the black man when there is no such person on board is puzzing to the ordinary

"Black or white or yellow, whatever he may be, I know not, but this I do

"Then perhaps in the semidarkness she mistook his rolor." "It was not hark enough for that. No, no! Let them think what they like. I shall credit her story."

"What do you think of this China-"Naturally my mind at once went to

the society, as old yours. But it seems impossible. How can she in any way be connected with it?" "That, my defir lad, is just what I

self and go up in dock and prepare to | Including poils

you, Davie."

"Thanks, old bilow." We understood each other, Jim and I I passed over the congratulations which were showered upon me by the passengers, among whom no one was more demonstrative than the rubicund Major Coghlan.

"The top of the mornin to you," said he. "It's a full blown hero I have the pleasure of contratulatin. You've cut 8:00 a. m. Ly the ground enfirely from under ma 9:15 a. m.

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED. and All Other Persons In-

ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND warned that unless, according to provisions of the a tof June 2. 1899, you redeem within thirty days prior to the 15th day of February. 1901, from all tax sales the lands below d tion 14, ownship BSouth, Range 2 West, containing 320 acres, and S½ of SE½ of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, containing 80 acres, I cated in Lean county, Florida, based on Tax Certificates Nose 51 and 52 tax sale for un-

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court at Talkhassee, Leon county, Flor-(Seal.) ida, this 15th day of February, A. P. 1901. COUNCIL A. BRYAN,

Clerk of Circuit court, Leon County, Florida

NOTICE OF TAX

ARE HEREBY N of the act of Jane 2d, 1899. the thirty days prior to the 1901, from all tax sales, the scribed, I as Clerk, unless restr court, will issue a tax deed to H conveying the S1/2 of Section 1 South Range 2, West, con acre-, located in Leon county, on tax certificate No. 53, tax taxes of 1897.

Witness my hand and the seal of Court at Tallaha see, Leon of (Seal.) ida, this 18th day of R

In the Circuit Court of the Se cial Circuit of Florida in and County of Lenn-In Changer John H. Williams vs. Emily Williams TT HAVING BEEN MADE TO AP the affidavit of the complain entitled suit that the residence of the Emily Williams, is without the State of and is to a certainty unknown; and no person in said State the service of a upon whom would bind said defend said defendant. Emily Williams, is over twenty-one years . It is therefore said defendant Emily Wil lams, be aereby required to appear to the bill of ant herein in Monday, the fir-t day of An 1901; and that this order be publi week for four successive weeks in the TALLAHASSEPAN, a new-paper publ

City of Tallahassee in said county, Witness Council A. Bryan, Clerk of said and the seal thereof this 19thday [SEA. ..] ruary, 4. D. 1901, COUNCIL A. BRYAN, Co

STATE OF FLORIDA, ? County of Lech. I, Council A. Bryan, Clerk of the Circuit n and for the county aforesaid, do her that the above and foregoing is a true or original order of publication on file and in my office. Witness my hand and official seal the

COUNCIL A. BRYAY STATEMENT.

Made Under Section 35. Chapter 4115. of Florida (1893.) Showing the amount of taxes charged in Tax Collector of Leon county, Florida to collected for the current year 1900, an apportionment of the same to the sefunds for which cach taxes have been to the collected of the collected of the same to the sefunds for which cach taxes have been to the collected of the coll including poll has with county school for Total tax for year 1300, including

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